

REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the first office action having a mailing date of July 29, 2004.

In response to all rejections and comments in the office action (pages 2-5), the applicant has amended claims as suggested by the examiner in Paragraph 6, as described below.

Claims 1-9, 20, 22-26 remain after the election referenced by the examiner. Claims 4-6, 8, 23-24, and 26 are canceled. Claims 10-19, and 20 are non-elected claims and are withdrawn as the result of the restriction requirement.

Claim 1 is combined with claims 4-6 as suggested in Paragraph 6. Claims 4-6 are canceled as redundant after such combination.

Claim 7 is combined with claims 1 and 8 as suggested in Paragraph 6. Claim 8 is canceled as redundant after such combination.

Claim 9 is combined with claims 1 and 7 as suggested in Paragraph 6.

Claim 20 is combined with claims 23-24 as suggested in Paragraph 6. Claims 23-24 are canceled as redundant after such combination.

Claim 25 is combined with claims 20 and 26 as suggested in Paragraph 6. Claim 26 is canceled as redundant after such combination.

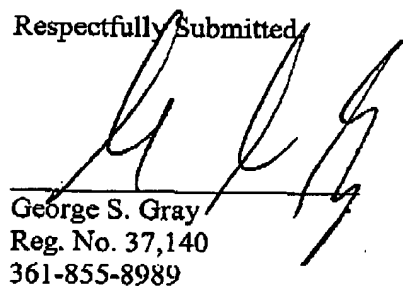
The foregoing claim amendments amend all pending independent claims. All new claims stem from combinations of claims suggested by the examiner. Thus all pending dependent claims are allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowed independent claim.

Applicant has considered the prior art cited but not relied upon, and finds nothing therein inconsistent with the allowance of the claims as amended.

No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that all rejections to the pending claims be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,


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